



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

Cherish everyone - Flourish together - Serve others



Welcome to the summer term at Newnham St. Peter's Primary School! As we embrace the warmer weather and longer days, I am excited to share some updates and upcoming events with you.

Firstly, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our incredible staff for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the year. Their commitment to our pupils' growth and well-being is truly commendable.

We are sad to announce that **Mrs. Lesley Payne, our SENDCO**, will be leaving our school. We appreciate her dedication and hard work during her time here and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. While we are sad to see Lesley go, we are also thrilled to welcome Mrs. Sam Howells to our team. Mrs Howells will be joining us next week, and she has already had the chance to meet some of our families. We are excited to have her expertise and enthusiasm enriching our school community.

In addition to academic achievements, we continue to prioritise the **well-being** and **mental health** of our pupils. Our pastoral care team is readily available to provide support and guidance, ensuring that every pupil feels valued and supported. All children eagerly engaged in a dynamic healthy eating workshop led by Nutritionists from **BeeZee Bodies**. This interactive session not only imparted valuable knowledge about nutrition and balanced diets but also encouraged our pupils to make informed choices for their overall well-being. We are excited to announce that we will soon be hosting a workshop for parents, offering valuable insights and practical tips on promoting healthy eating habits at home. Stay tuned for more details!

This term, we are delving deeper into our exploration of **spirituality**, reflecting on the ebb and flow of life's challenges and moments of stillness. Cracks may be caused when something so good and breathtaking happens that the pot expands and cracks – **the wows of life**. Cracks may happen when something challenging happens and threatens the comfort of everyday – **the ows of life**. Cracks can also happen in the stillness and ordinariness of everyday – **the nows of life**. A moment of stillness, a pause or prayer can create a crack in the normal, physical everyday.

The Golden Glue In these special moments there is a spiritual opportunity. Kintsugi, the Japanese art of mending broken ceramics with golden joinery or glue, creates something that has been broken into something differently beautiful and even more valuable. Using this metaphor, **the wows, ows and nows** of life offer the possibility of becoming cracks that are filled with gold, adding significance and value to life. In all these moments, there is an opportunity to invite God to be involved in making sense of these experiences.

Reverend Rachel led a special **Easter service** at our church, talking about the empty tomb and reminding us of the promises of renewal and hope. Our children sang beautifully during the service, adding to the sense of celebration and joy.

In honour of **Earth Day** on Monday, we will be participating in Earth Hour, where we will collectively turn off all non-essential electricity to show our commitment to sustainability. Additionally, the PTFA will be launching a sponsored **Environment Bingo** to mark **World Earth Day**, encouraging pupils to take action to protect our environment, including a **community litter pick** in Newnham on **Saturday 27th April**.

Love not Landfill! We're so proud of our new **Eco-Club** at Newnham St. Peter's and we know how much our children care about the environment. Our wonderful pre-loved uniform shop saves countless pieces of uniform from landfill each year. We're fundraising for a shipping container to house our shop as the hut where we currently store uniforms is due for demolition. Our aim is to save clothes from landfill (did you know the clothing industry releases more carbon into the atmosphere than international flights?!) and to make affordable second-hand uniform available for all our families. The container will be situated in the school car park so it will be easily accessible and will have regular opening hours.

Furthermore, as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance communication between the school and our families, we encourage all parents to sign up for our email communication. This ensures that you stay informed about upcoming events, important announcements, and opportunities to get involved in school activities. If you haven't already done so, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Tetlow in the school office to sign up for our email communication. We want to ensure that every family is included and stays connected with the latest updates from Newnham St. Peter's Primary School.



Diary Dates

April 2024

24th - 26th - Year 5 Viney Hill Residential

27th - Community Litter Pick - 2pm

May 2024

6th - Bank Holiday

13th to 16th - Year 6 SATs Week

20th - 24th - Year 6 France Residential

20th - **** NEW DATE **** Church Service - 8:45am

Reception - Year 6 (*church drop off*)

23rd - Starlings Class Assembly - *Parents welcome cake sale at 3pm*

24th - Last Day of Summer Term 1

June 2024

3rd - First Day of Summer Term 2

8th - BBQ & Bingo Night 5-8pm

10th - New Reception Meeting at 5pm

11th - Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral - more info to follow

12th - New Reception Meeting at 9:45am

25th - Church Service - 8:45am

Reception - Year 6 (*church drop off*)

26th - Year 5 Dean Academy Taster Day

July 2024

8th - Wrens Graduation - *parents welcome cake sale at 3pm*

9th - Sports Day - more info to follow

15th - Church Service - 8:45am

Reception - Year 6 (*church drop off*) *Year 6 Leavers Service!*

17th - Year 6 Production - Dress rehearsal

18th - Year 6 Production - Parents welcome - (more info to follow)

22nd - Inset Day

23rd - Summer Holidays

Aga Przybylska
and the Newnham Team

SPORT



Thank you to our football team who represented our school last Friday. It was a challenging tournament where all the children showed great determination and resilience.

Up and coming Sports events:



25.04.24 - Mountain biking - team selected

30.04.24 - Archery - team selected

22.05.24 - Y6 Archery lessons begin

04.06.24 - House Football - TBA

07.06.24 - ProStars Football Tournament - TBA

09.06.24 - Olympic Themed Day with ProStars

20.06.24 - Y3/4 Cricket tournament - TBA

28.06.24 - ProStars Football Tournament - TBA

09.07.24 - Sports Day; Parents welcome in the afternoon.

10.07.24 - Y6 Archery competition vs Lydney - TBA

Little Wrens and Wrens

The children enjoyed their visit from the Life Tent where pre-school learned about how to take care of themselves and Reception learned 'All about me'. They discussed ways to stay healthy, including eating healthy foods, brushing our teeth, exercising and getting enough sleep. The children were fantastic at giving Harold the giraffe some ideas of how to look after himself and stay healthy.



Sparrows



On Tuesday, the whole school experienced an enrichment assembly, performance and workshops with 25x Guinness World Record holder and freestyle footballer Ash Randall. It was such an amazing experience enjoyed by the whole school. We can't wait to hear if anyone breaks his records in the future!



Starlings

This week Starlings have started their new Writing Unit based on a newspaper report "The Creature". We have been newspaper reporters, from completing research all about plastic pollution to interviewing eye witnesses and reporting them. We have had our second Swimming lesson and it is fantastic seeing everyone growing more confident in the water.



Owls



Year 5 enjoyed their freestyle football session with the 'Guinness Book of Records' winner Ash Randall.



Falcons

The children in Year 6 had an amazing time with Ash Randall during their freestyle football workshop!





Community Litter Pick!

Saturday 27th April from 2pm

Meet Point - Newnham School

Help us clean up our village and support the environment! The council are supplying grabbers and bags, but if you have your own, we'd appreciate extras. Don't forget to bring gloves for safety. Looking forward to seeing you there!



WESTBURY ON SEVERN YOUTH PROJECT IS BACK

Join us for a season of fun (April - Nov): drama, sketches, comedy, script writing, directing, cooking, dance, and crafts. Our theme this year is 'It's an Education'



Fees £40 for the year (only £1.48 per session!) Ages 8+

Free taster session Thursday 18th April



Westbury Parish Hall
Rodley Road
Westbury on Severn
Thursdays at 6-7.45pm
For info call Nicola
07972 761345

Save the Date

PTFA BBQ & Bingo Night

Date: Saturday 8th June
Time: 5pm - 8pm
At: Newnham School

We invite all to join us for a BBQ starting at 5pm. Please note that Bingo tickets will be limited due to hall capacity. More information will follow soon.

Bingo tickets will be £5 for team of 5



COUCH TO 5KM

Meeting weekly, we will run together for 9 weeks with the goal of a 5km non-stop run at the end.

Meet in the public car park in Newnham, GL14 1BH

Wednesdays (beginning 1st May)

6:30pm

16 years and over

FREE

➤ For more information and to sign up, head to our website.



For more information contact lucy.marshall@sportily.org.uk

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MAY HALF TERM Holiday Club



VENUES

- Primrose Hill, Lydney
- St White's, Cinderford
- Ashfield Park, Ross
- Finlay School, Glos
- Picklenash, Newent

28TH - 31ST MAY

8:30am - 4:30pm

From £22.50 per day

Packed full of popular and seasonally themed sports, games and craft activities

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